THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) An instrumentality of the Government can make rules in accordance with the provisions of the statute or charter of its constitution, pursuant to which it was created/set up. Action against employees of the instrumentalities for any acts of omission or commission by them is to be taken according to the rules of such instrumentalities. The details of the rules of various instrumentalities are not available with Department of Personnel and Training.

(b) & (c) Department of Personnel and Training does not monitor the observance of rules and regulations of the instrumentalities, Hence, the required information is not centrally available.

Ban on the Selection of all India Service Officers to the Ministries

2390. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the selection of All India Service officers to the Ministries where they have earlier served as Joint Secretary and above;

(b) if so, when did this guideline came into force;

(c) what is the purpose of this guideline;

(d) whether such a rule mitigates against using the experience of senior officers in social sector Ministries; and

(e) the steps proposed to review this guideline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE: (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and

(b) As per a policy decision taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on 28.5.1999, it would not be advisable to appoint an officer at the same level in the same Department where he might have worked during an earlier tenure at the Centre.

(c) and (d) Appointments to the posts of Under Secretary and above in the Government of India are made under the provisions of the Central Staffing Scheme by borrowing officers from All India Services and other participating Group "A" services on tenure deputation basis and on the expiry of the tenure, they return to their respective parent Cadres/services. This two-way movement is of mutual benefit to the respective parent cadres as well as the Govt. of India as the officer who serves in the Central Government is expected to get a variety of experience in policy formulation etc., which will stand him in goodstead in his subsequent postings. If an officer who had earlier worked in a Central Government Department is again appointed at the same level in the same Department, he will not gain any experience in other areas of Governmental functioning at the Centre which is neither in the interest of the officer nor in the interest of the Department concerned.

(e) As on date, there is no proposal for reviewing the extant guidelines in the matter.

Amendment to the Constitution for Reservation in Promotion for SC/ ST Employees

2391. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to amend the Constitution to provide reservation in promotion for the employees of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in the Central Government Offices and Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, when it would be done to protect the rights of the SC/ST employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSON-